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AN ACT

RELATING TO FARM TENANCIES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 562.1A DEFINITIONS.

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "Farm tenancy" means a leasehold interest in land held by a person who produces crops or provides for the care and feeding of livestock on the land, including by grazing or supplying feed to the livestock.

2. "Livestock" means the same as defined in section 717.1.

Sec. 2. Section 562.5, Code 2005, is amended to read as follows:

562.5 TERMINATION OF FARM TENANCIES.

In the case of ~~tenants occupying and cultivating farms a farm tenancy~~, the notice must fix the termination of the farm tenancy to take place on the first day of March, except in cases of a mere ~~croppers cropper~~, whose ~~leases farm tenancy~~ shall ~~be held to expire terminate~~ when the crop is harvested. ~~However~~, if the crop is corn, ~~it the termination~~ shall not be later than the first day of December, unless otherwise agreed upon.

Sec. 3. Section 562.6, Code 2005, is amended to read as follows:

562.6 AGREEMENT FOR TERMINATION.

If an agreement is made fixing the time of the termination of ~~the a~~ tenancy, whether in writing or not, the tenancy shall ~~cease terminate~~ at the time agreed upon, without notice. ~~In~~

~~the case of farm tenants, except Except for a farm tenant who is a mere croppers, occupying and cultivating cropper, a farm tenancy with an acreage of forty acres or more, the tenancy~~

shall continue beyond the agreed term for the following crop year and otherwise upon the same terms and conditions as the original lease unless written notice for termination is served upon either party or a successor of the party in the manner provided in section 562.7, whereupon the farm tenancy shall terminate March 1 following. However, the tenancy shall not continue because of an absence of notice if there is default in the performance of the existing rental agreement.

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President of the Senate

CHRISTOPHER C. RANTS
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 2292, Eighty-first General Assembly.

MICHAEL E. MARSHALL
Secretary of the Senate

Approved _____, 2006

THOMAS J. VILSACK
Governor